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General Comment

Please consider this message as our comment on the draft TMDL for Chesapeake Bay. We live near the bay and we are a half-mile from a tributary, the Patapsco River. Members of our family enjoy the bay for crabbing, boating and swimming.

It's essential to adopt a TMDL that applies to the entire Chesapeake Bay. It is also legally required by the Clean Water Act, three bay agreements, one MOU and one Executive Order.

Pollution loads created by urban and suburban growth are part of the problem, as they raise the pollution of the bay by nitrogen and phosphorus. The growth of these loads needs to be stopped, and then they need to be rolled back so our rivers are putting less of these substances into bay waters.

US EPA should scrutinize the states' pollution-control plans to make sure they make these important changes by deadlines EPA establishes.

We ask EPA to set tough standards for TMDL, because the states won't do the work without them.

Sincerely, George and Frances Alderson, 112 Hilton Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21228